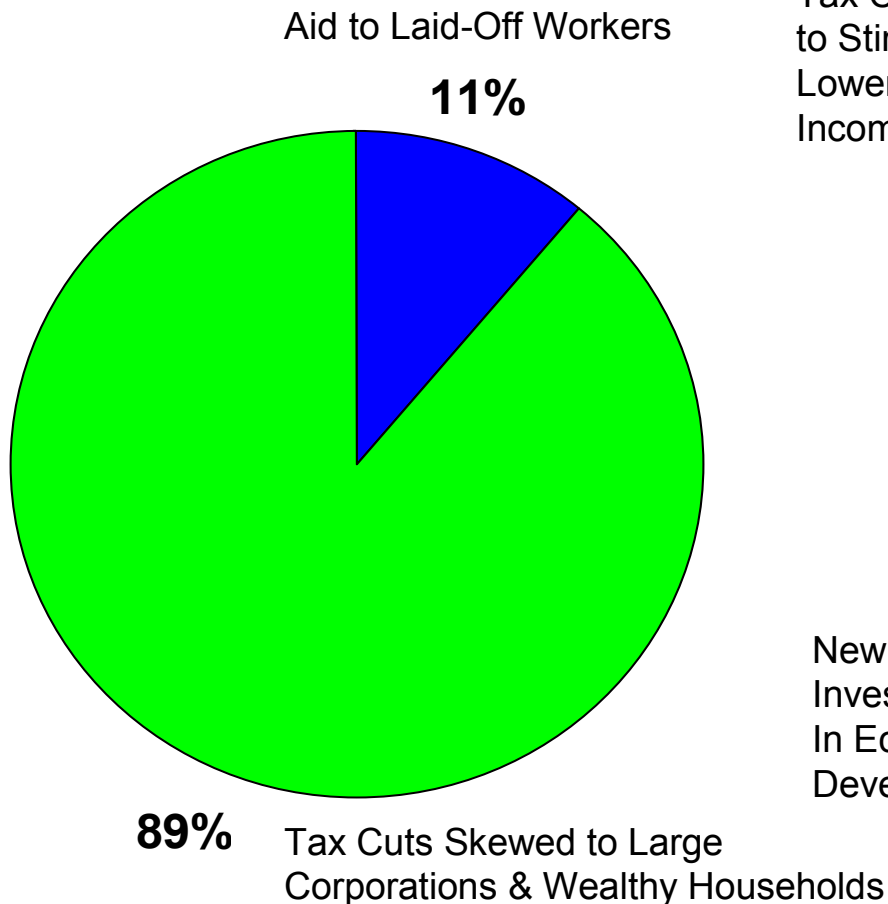


## A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON OF GOP & DEMOCRATIC “STIMULUS” BILLS

CRITERIA FOR A STIMULUS BILL	GOP “STIMULUS” BILL	DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE
Is it temporary?	<b>NO.</b> A number of the bill's tax cuts are permanent. For example, the bill includes a permanent repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax. The bill also makes permanent an expiring provision in the tax code that allows U.S. financial services companies with operations abroad to defer taxes on the income they earn overseas. The bill also includes a permanent reduction in capital gains taxes.	<b>YES.</b> The bill's provisions are all designed to be temporary.
Is it paid for over 10 years?	<b>NO.</b> <u>None</u> of the GOP bill's 10-year cost of \$160 billion is paid for. As a result, all of the \$160 billion will come out of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses and will not be repaid.	<b>YES.</b> Over a ten-year period, the costs of the Democratic bill are paid for. The net 10-year cost of the bill totals about \$80 billion. This cost is offset by provisions freezing the top rate at 38.6% (affecting the wealthiest 0.7% of households) – generating \$91 billion.
Are its tax cuts focused on economic stimulus?	<b>NO.</b> Many independent analysts have pointed out that most of the bill's tax cuts have <u>nothing</u> to do with economic stimulus – instead providing special-interest, permanent tax cuts to major corporations.	<b>YES.</b> Its major tax cut components are all focused on economic stimulus -- including a rebate for lower and middle income families (those most likely to immediately spend their tax cuts) and providing a temporary increase in equipment purchases that small businesses can write off immediately.
Does it provide meaningful relief to laid-off workers?	<b>NO.</b> The bill provides <u>no</u> immediate assistance to workers who have lost their jobs, depending upon <u>future</u> state action instead of establishing a uniform federal program. The amount of assistance provided to workers is also completely inadequate.	<b>YES.</b> The bill includes \$30 billion for federally-funded improvements in Unemployment Insurance benefits and \$25 billion for expanding health insurance coverage for laid-off workers.

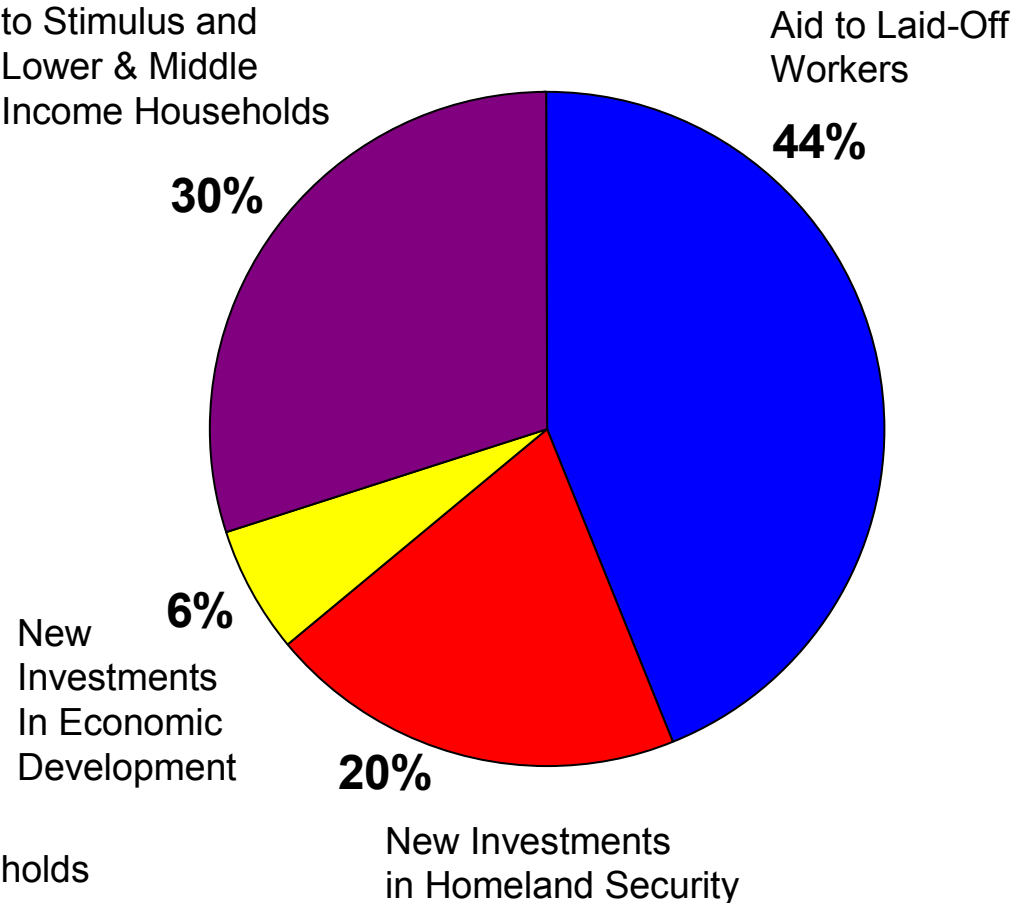
# Unlike GOP Package, Democratic Economic Package Is Balanced

## GOP ECONOMIC PACKAGE



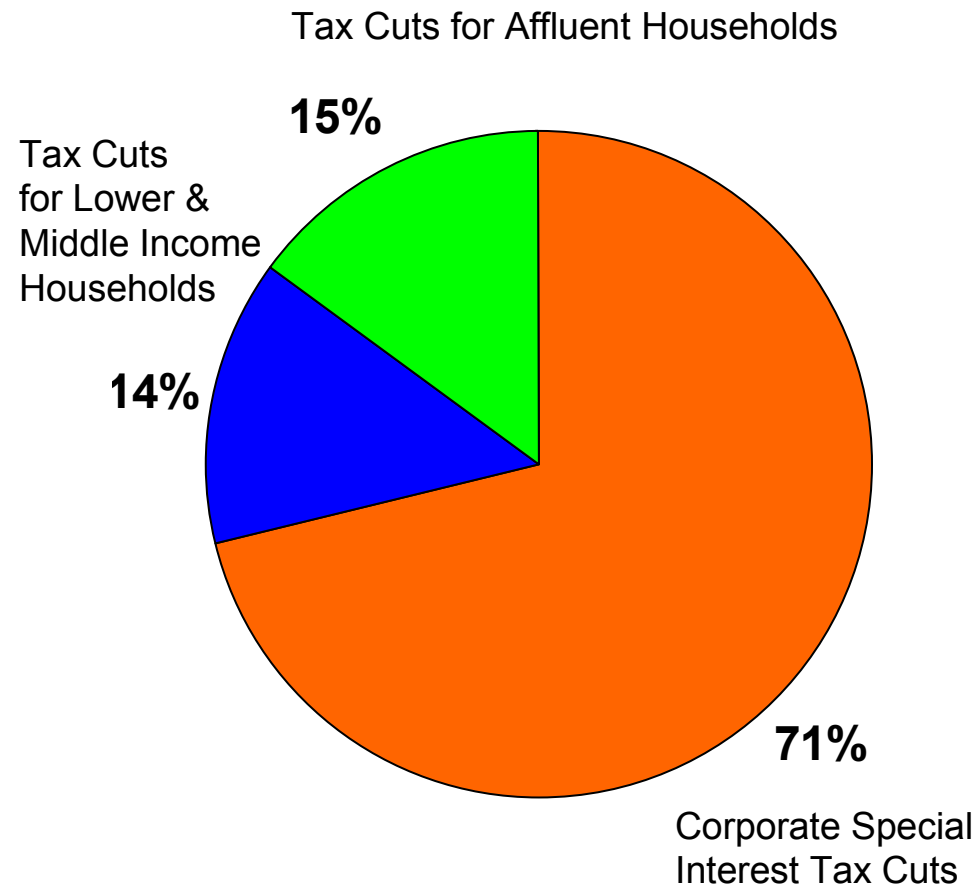
## DEMOCRATIC ECONOMIC PACKAGE

Tax Cuts Targeted to Stimulus and Lower & Middle Income Households



# Tax Cuts in Democratic Package Are Also More Balanced

## GOP TAX CUTS



## DEMOCRATIC TAX CUTS

